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Light-diffusing, self-adhesive compsn. prepn. - by adding crosslinking agent and light diffusing agent to self-adhesive resin

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The light-diffusing self-adhesive compsn. is prepared by adding a cross-linking agent and a light diffusing agent to a self-adhesive resin. The light-diffusing, self-adhesive compsn. is prepared by adding 0.05 to 20, pref. 0.5 to 10 pts. wt. of an isocyanate and 5 to 300, pref. 10 to 100 pts. wt. of particles of crosslinked polystyrene resin to 100 pts. wt. of a self-adhesive resin consisting of an acrylic ester copolymer. Preferred acrylic ester copolymer is made from ethyl acrylate, butyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, etc.

ADVANTAGE - Light diffusing agent is dispersed homogeneously in a simple process and the light-diffusing self-adhesive compsn. produces a planar light source which shows no oozing-out of self-adhesive, strong adhesion to base sheet and high brightness.

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[DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE INVENTION]

[0001]

[Fields of industrial application]

This invention relates to a pressure sensitive adhesive composition with light diffusion property that is used by coating on a film and the like in order to emit a light source of LED or liquid crystal back light in uniform as well as plane-like manner.

[0002]

[Prior art]

The ones in which acryl group pressure sensitive adhesive agent, inorganic particles are dispersed have been generally used for said type of applications. However, this type shows difficulty in attaining a uniform dispersion stability; and furthermore, it tends to cohere within several minutes or within several days to tend to result in gelation. And therefore, addition of dispersion stabilizers of amine group has been made to stabilize said dispersion after thorough kneading of a pressure sensitive adhesive agent and inorganic particles in a dispersion device such as three rolls and the like (make reference to the Japanese Patent Application Kokai Sho 56[1981]-116767 disclosure).

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[Subjects solved by this invention]

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[0006]

[Measures used to solve the subjects]

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[0007]

As for the pressure sensitive adhesive resins used in this invention, the ones showing pressure sensitive adhesive property at regular temperature may be used; and for instance, (meth)acryl group resins or polyester group resins and the like may be mentioned; and it is all right to add plasticizers or tackifiers and the like as needed to adjust viscoelastic behaviors or interfacial characteristics. As for the tackifiers, natural goods such as rosin, modified rosin, rosin ester, terpene resin, or terpene phenol resins and the like, and their derivatives; and synthetic resins such as cumaron, indene resin, styrene group resin, phenol resin, or xylene resin and the like may be used. The ones which are particularly recommended as pressure sensitive adhesive resins, ester acrylate copolymers comprising monomers such as ethyl acrylate, butyl acrylate, or 2-ethyl hexyl acrylate and the like may be mentioned. These provide prescribed viscoelastic behaviors or interfacial characteristics without addition of tackifiers and the like through copolymerization of ester acrylate showing varied number of carbon atoms at side chains or branches at prescribed ratio. In addition, ester acrylate also shows a characteristic of easy adjustment of cohesive force through addition of crosslinking agents.

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[0012]

[Actions]

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[0013]

[Examples]

[EXAMPLE 1]

- o polyester resin (NV: 100%) 100 parts
(Bylon RV550: made by Toyo Boseki K.K.)
- o xylene resin (tackifier, NV:80%) 100 parts
(Nikanol H80: made by Mitsubishi Gas Chemical K.K.)
- o silicone resin particles 100 parts
(Tosspearl 120: made by Toshiba Silicone K.K.)
- o ethyl acetate 100 parts
- o butyl acetate 100 parts
- o isocyanate (crosslinking agent, NV: 75%) 10 parts
(Takenate A10: made by Takeda Yakuhin Kogyo K.K.)

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[0014]

[EXAMPLE 2]

- o ester acrylate copolymer resin (NV: 40%) 100 parts
(SK Dyne 1102 X : made by Soken Kagaku K.K.)
- o crosslinked acryl group resin particles 56 parts
(MR-7HG: made by Soken Kagaku K.K.)
- o ethyl acetate 50 parts
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[EXAMPLE 3]

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(Rikidyne AR-2120 EA: made by Rikidyne K.K.)
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(Teku Polymer SBX-6: made by Sekisui Kaseihin Kogyo K.K.)
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[0018]

[COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 3]

Instead of crosslinked polystyrene resin particles in the example 3, calcium carbonate (Sunlite SL-700: made by Takehara Kagaku Kogyo K.K.) 8 parts were used; and in addition, no addition of crosslinking agents was made.

[0019]

[COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 4]

No addition of crosslinking agents in the example 3 was made.

[0020]

[COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 5]

Instead of crosslinked polystyrene resin particles in the example 3, calcium carbonate (Sunlite SL-700: made by Takehara Kagaku Kogyo) 8 parts were used; and in addition, 3 parts of triethyl amine was added as a dispersion stabilizer.

[0021]

[COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 6]

Instead of crosslinked polystyrene resin particles in the example 3, calcium carbonate (Sunlite SL-700: made by Takehara Kagaku Kogyo K.K.) 8 parts were used; and 3 parts of triethyl amine as a dispersion stabilizer was added, and crosslinking agent was not added.

[0022]

As for the processes described in the examples 1 through 3 and comparative examples 1 through 6 explained above, they were conducted by first mixing light diffusion agents in a solvent, and then, dispersing and mixing this with pressure sensitive adhesive resin, and then, crosslinking agents, dispersion stabilizers were added as needed to give a pressure sensitive adhesive agent with light diffusion property. According to the pressure sensitive adhesive agents with light diffusion property in above-explained examples 1 through 3 and comparative examples 1 through 6, tests described below were conducted, and results are shown in the Table 1.

[0023]

Dispersion property: According to stirring conduct. in a stirrer (Dissolver MDH-V-1 model: made by Inoue Mfg. K.K.), [o] marking was applied when mixed uniformly at 1000 rpm for 20 minutes of stirring; and [x] marking was applied when mixed uniformly for 24 hours of stirring; and [x] marking was applied when it was not possible for uniform mixing unless three rolls were used.

[0024]

Light diffusion property: After coating a pressure sensitive adhesive agent with light diffusion property on a transparent polyester film with 100 μm thickness to give 30 μm dry film thickness, it was pasted on a surface of LED display panel to be displayed; and [x] marking was applied when individual dot light source was recognized as dot light source; and [o] marking was applied when was hardly possible to recognize; and [⊙] marking was applied when was totally unrecognizable.

[0025]

Light transmissivity: On a transparent polyester film with 100 μm thickness, pressure sensitive adhesive agent with light diffusion property was coated at 30 μm dry film thickness; and this was measured with a spectrum photometer.

[0026]

Adhesive transfer: After coating pressure sensitive adhesive agent with light diffusion property on a transparent polyester film with 100 μm thickness, it was pasted onto an ABS resin panel, and was peeled to judge with [o] marking without remaining pressure sensitive adhesive agent on the ABS resin panel, and with [x] marking showing residual adhesion.

[0027]

Storage stability: A pressure sensitive adhesive agent with light diffusion property prior to addition of crosslinking agent was stored for 3 months at room temperature; and the one that can be used with simple stirring is marked as [o], and the one that cannot be used due to gelation is marked as [x].

[0028]

[E: example, CE: comparative example]

[Table 1]

	dispersion property	light diffusion property	light transmissivity 550 nm	light transmissivity 650 nm	adhesive transfer	storage stability
E 1	⊙	⊙	78%	79%	o	o
E 2	⊙	o	82%	83%	o	o
E 3	⊙	⊙	79%	80%	o	o
CE 1	x	x	72%	73%	o	x
CE 2	x	o	65%	69%	o	x
CE 3	x	x	73%	74%	x	x
CE 4	⊙	⊙	79%	80%	x	o
CE 5	gelation	-	-	-	-	-
CE 6	x	x	73%	74%	x	o

[0029]

The pressure sensitive adhesive agents with light diffusion property of the examples 1 through 3 showed good performance based on all evaluations. Because pressure sensitive adhesive agent with light diffusion property of the comparative example 1 uses inorganic particles, uniform mixing could not be attained even after 24 hours of stirring in a stirrer; and it was necessary to use 3 rolls in order to attain a uniform mixture. In addition, it lacked light diffusion effect, and luminance was poorer than that of the examples. Furthermore, after 3 months of storage, it could not be used again unless it was dispersed with 3 rolls one more time.

[0030]

The comparative example 2 shows increased rate of addition of inorganic particles till light diffusion effect is given due to poor light diffusion effect of pressure sensitive adhesive agent with light diffusion property of the comparative example 1; however, it showed fair drop of luminance, and could not withstand application. The comparative example 3 shows use of inorganic particles, and no addition of crosslinking agent; and it showed poor results in all evaluations. The comparative 4 shows use of resin particles and no use of crosslinking agent; and because resin particles are used, despite of good dispersion property and light diffusion property, adhesive transfer occurred due to poor cohesive force of the pressure sensitive adhesive agent.

[0031]

The comparative example 5 shows addition of dispersion stabilizer to improve dispersion stability of pressure sensitive adhesive agent with light diffusion property of the comparative example 1; and showed gelation, and could not withstand application. The comparative example 6 shows no addition of crosslinking agent in order to prevent from gelation of the comparative example 5; however, because it uses inorganic particles, uniform mixing could not be attained even after 24 hours of stirring in a stirrer; and required use of 3 rolls to attain uniform mixing. In addition, it showed poor light diffusion effect, and luminance was lower compared to those of the examples. Furthermore, as crosslinking agent is not added, cohesive force of pressure sensitive adhesive agent was poor to initiate adhesive transfer.

[0032]

[Effects of this invention]

As it is clear from above explanation, this invention's pressure sensitive adhesive composition with light diffusion property shows possible easy uniform mixing without requiring addition of dispersion stabilizers or equipment such as 3 rolls because it uses resin particles as light diffusion agent; and in addition, as it uses resin particles, it provides high light diffusion effect as well as plane light source with high luminance. Furthermore, as it uses crosslinking agents, cohesive force of pressure sensitive adhesive is high, and it is possible to significantly reduce oozing of pressure sensitive adhesive agent or adhesive transfer; and in addition, it is the pressure sensitive adhesive composition with light diffusion property with much improved close adhesion to a base material.

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